

TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS IN MT

- **Three Comprehensive Community Colleges:**

- Flathead Valley Community College
- Miles Community College
- Dawson Community College

- **Seven Tribal Colleges**

- Aaniiih Nakoda College
- Blackfeet Community College
- Chief Dull Knife College
- Fort Peck Community College
- Little Big Horn College
- Salish Kootenai College
- Stone Child College

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HISTORY OF TWO-YEAR EDUCATION IN MONTANA

- **Vo-Technical Education Centers**

1939 Legislature authorized the State Board of Education to designate applicant high schools as vocational training centers

- 1989 Moved Local School Districts/OPI to Montana University System
- 1994 Became Colleges of Technology (connected with a University)

- **Comprehensive Community Colleges**

Each representing a Community College District with respective Boards of Trustees

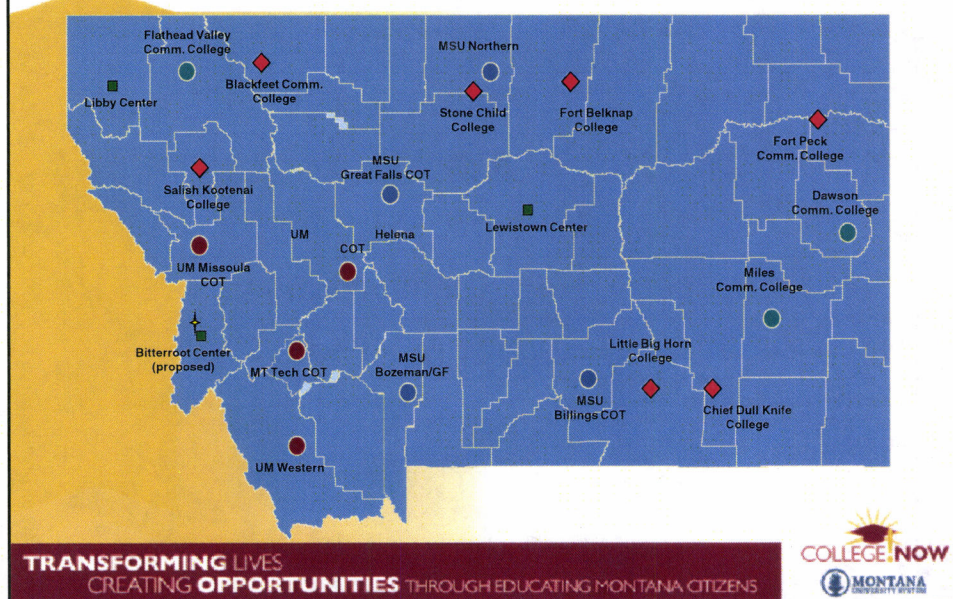
MCC (1939)
DCC (1940)
FVCC (1967)

- **Seven Tribal Colleges (Each Sovereign)**

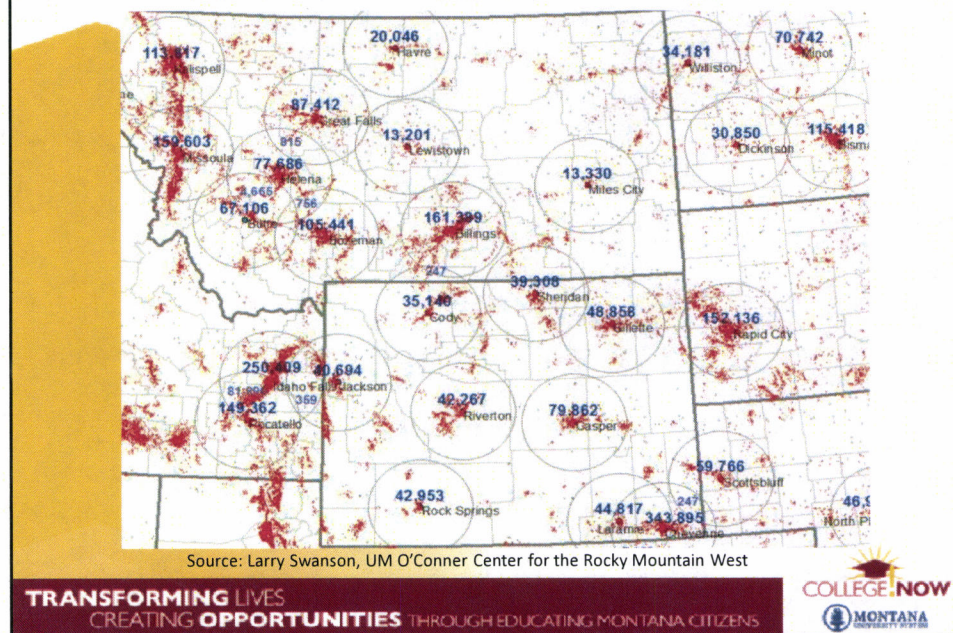
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POPULATION CENTERS - 2010



Our Students are LOCAL and Not Typical College Students

- Approx 70% of students 60 mile radius
- Students are older
- Greater percentage female
- More first-time college students
- Greater need for need based aid

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Montana's Two-Year COLLEGES are GROWING

- COTs grew 94.3% in FTE from 2001 – 2011
- Three Community Colleges grew 42% in FTE from 2001 – 2011

Spotlight:

FVCC – 79.3% growth

UM Missoula COT – 123.5% growth

UM Helena COT – 58.4% growth

MSU B COT – 122.2% growth

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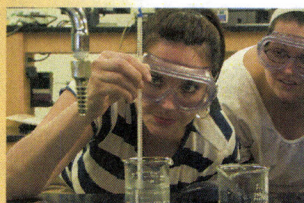
ROLE AND FUNCTION

- Workforce preparation
- University transfer
- Adult Friendly Programming
- Remedial Education
- Business and Industry Partnerships
- Access through lower tuition costs

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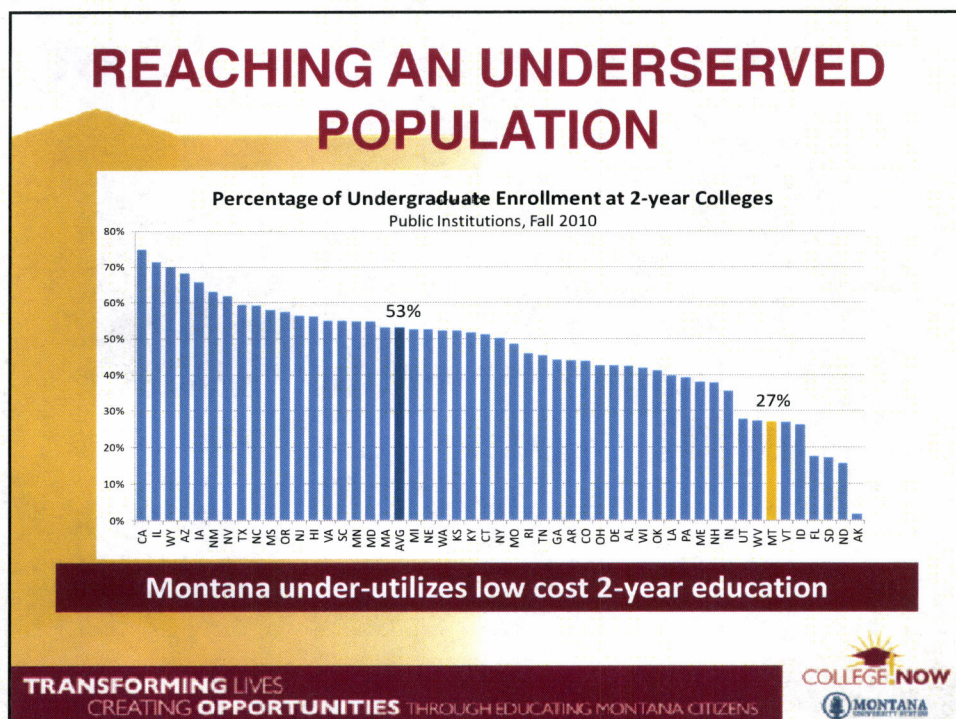
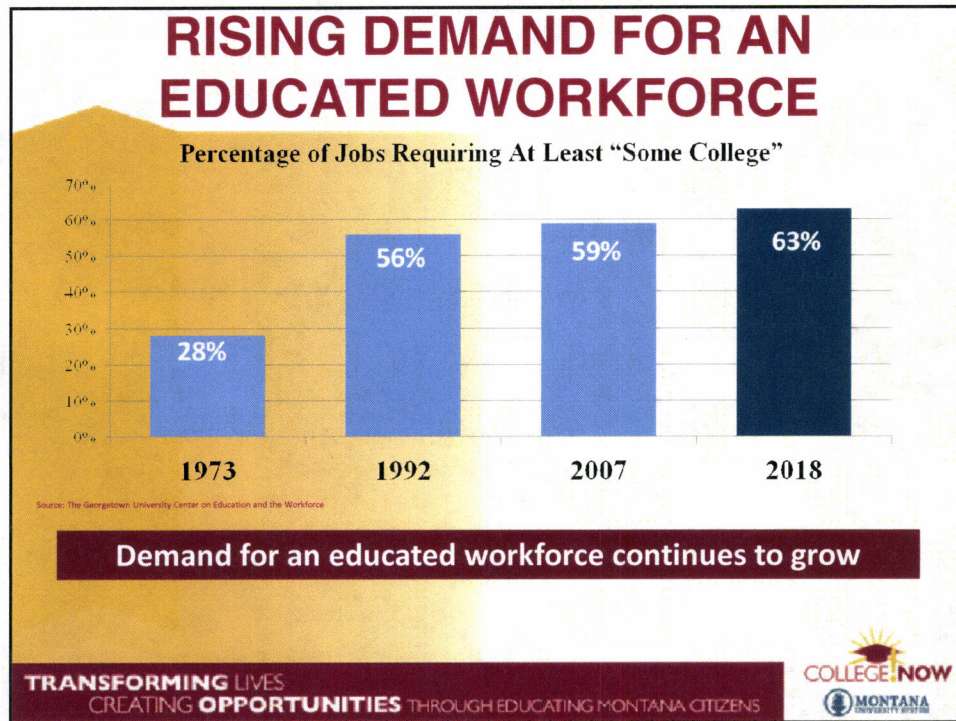


Why Are Two-Year Colleges Important for our State?

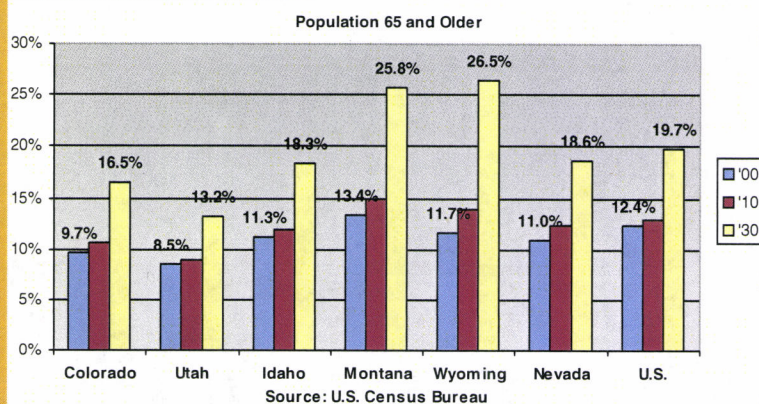


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MONTANA'S AGING POPULATION



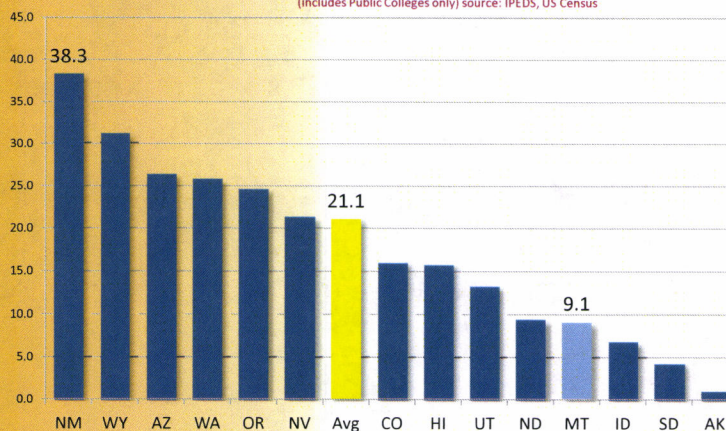
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UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Enrollment of 25 to 49 Year Olds in 2-year Colleges
per 1,000 25 to 49 Year Olds in the State, 2009

(Includes Public Colleges only) source: IPEDS, US Census



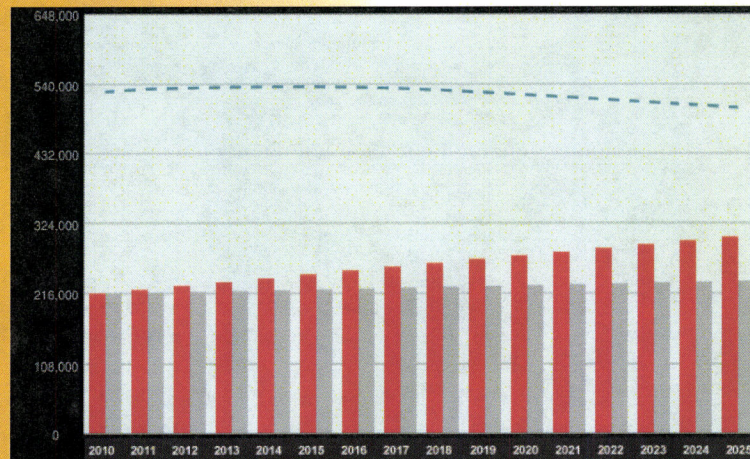
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MONTANA'S DEGREE GAP

Montana Projected Degree Gap: 13.5%

Percent of 25 to 64 Year Olds with Associate Degrees or Higher



Demand Workforce ——— Population

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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Montana's aging population
- Traditional high school student pipeline is decreasing
- Need affordable/high quality access to college
- Current educational attainment rates will not enable the state to meet future demands

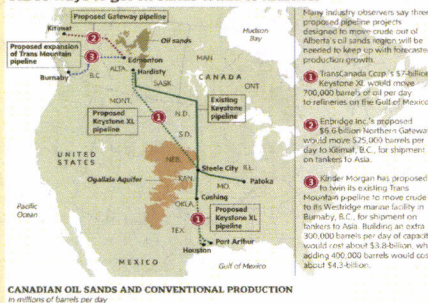
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CURRENT AND FUTURE WORKFORCES NEEDS: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



Three ways to get oil sands crude to markets



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WHAT IS COLLEGE!NOW?

College!NOW is a multi-year initiative approved by the Board of Regents and led by the Montana University System to make **two-year higher education** more **accessible**, better **coordinated**, better **understood** and, as a result, better **utilized** statewide.

The initiative is being supported by the Lumina Foundation for Education, which selected Montana as one of seven states to participate in a national effort to develop innovative, cost-saving strategies for delivering high-quality education to greater numbers of students.

Montana's two-year education discussions have been ongoing for over five years!

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THE FIVE COLLEGE!NOW STRATEGIES

- 1 **Extending comprehensive** two-year **mission** to COTs and two-year programs
- 2 Every **Montana region** is served by a two-year college or a two-year program
- 3 Better **coordination** through **curricula and integrated technology**
- 4 **Rewarding** institutions for **increased student success**
- 5 Improving **understanding** and **appreciation** of Montana's two-year colleges

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EXTENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE MISSION

1. University Transfer Education (AA/AS)
2. Workforce Development
3. Developmental and Adult Basic Education
4. Lifelong Learning
5. Community Development

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WHERE?

- COTs in Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, and Missoula
- Gallatin College Programs in Bozeman
- Bitterroot College Program in Hamilton
- Two-Year Programs at Western and Northern

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THE DRIVING FORCE: MISSION EXPANSION

Working through
challenges

Community college
leadership

Plans will be living
documents



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SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY INTEREST



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Gazette opinion: Let's move community forward in 2012

Growing 2-year colleges

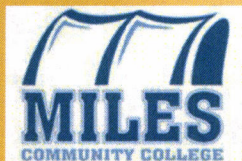
This could be the biggest year ever for Montana's five colleges of technology. A grant funded by the Lumina Foundation is helping the Montana University System develop and implement an expanded mission for these two-year colleges, a mission that is more comprehensive and responsive. The initiative is imperative to close Montana's "degree gap," the difference between projected growth in demand for highly educated workers and the Montana work force.

The Montana Board of Regents last summer directed university administration to implement the new two-year mission within two years and draft implementation plans are on the regents January agenda.

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COLLEGES IN ACTION: Some Success Stories



BITTERROOT
COLLEGE
PROGRAM



The University of
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COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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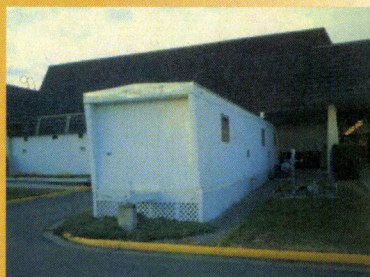
Bridging the High School to College Divide

- **Dual Enrollment** – MT Digital Academy Partnership (60 courses available!)
- **Big Sky Pathways** (OCHE/OPI)
 - 171 of 172 high schools completing at least 1 Pathway
 - 12 colleges offering 87 program options in 20 Career Pathways for over 480 pathway partnerships
 - 650 teachers, counselor and faculty participants (Fall '11)

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COLLEGES IN ACTION: Challenges



UM – Missoula COT (Trailer Temp Classrooms)



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Workforce Development Task Force Created

- **Collective Strength of the Montana University System** (2-year, community colleges, universities & partner Tribal Colleges)
- **Respond with the Collective Diversity of Academic, Career and Technical Programs**
- **Responding to Changing workforce Training Needs of Montana**
- **Better Respond to Regional Grant Initiatives**

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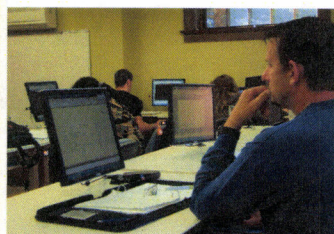
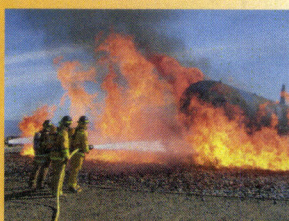
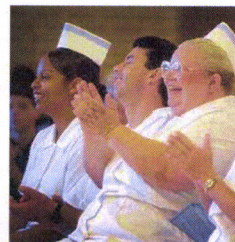
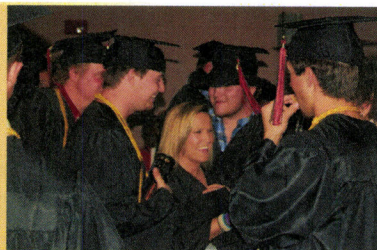
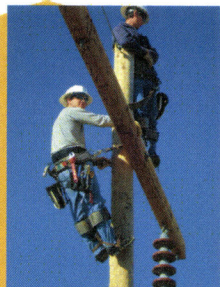
Mission: Workforce Development Taskforce

The Montana University System is committed to understanding the needs and providing users training and education programs in Montana necessary to help support increased business and industry growth.

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COLLEGES IN ACTION: Opportunities



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